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1. TEXT FOLLOWS OF PRESIDENT FORD'S FORMAL REPLY TO AMBASSADOR TRUCCO'S REMARKS ON OCCASION OF LATTER'S PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS, APRIL 29.

2. QUOTE: MR. AMBASSADOR: I AM PLEASED TO ACCEPT THE LETTER FROM PRESIDENT PINOCHET ACCREDITING YOU AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE. I ALSO ACCEPT THE LETTER OF RECALL OF YOUR DISTINGUISHED PREDECESSOR, AMBASSADOR HEITMANN.

QUOTE: YOUR LONG AND INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE UNITED STATES AND YOUR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE RENDERED IN OUR COUNTRY MAKE IT UNNECESSARY TO WELCOME YOU HERE, WHERE YOU ALREADY SERVE WITH DISTINCTION AS YOUR COUNTRY'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND WHERE, IN ANOTHER ERA, YOUR FATHER REPRESENTED CHILE. YOUR EXPERIENCE IN THE OAS AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE WASHINGTON SCENE DOUBTLESS UNCLASSIFIED

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AFFORD YOU VALUABLE INSIGHTS INTO THE FUNCTIONING OF OUR SYSTEM AND OUR NATIONAL CHARACTER.

QUOTE: I APPRECIATE YOUR WORDS OF HOMAGE ON THE OCCASION

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OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF OUR 200 YEARS AS A NATION. THEY EVOKE THE COMMON SPIRITUAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL HERITAGE OF OUR PEOPLES. WE ARE MORE THAN EVER CONSCIOUS OF THE CLOSE TIES BINDING US TO OUR SOUTHERN NEIGHBORS. THE NOBLE AIMS OF OUR FOUNDERS AND OF THE LEADERS IN THE STRUGGLE FOR LATIN AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE -- TO ASSURE THE WELL-BEING, FREEDOM, AND DIGNITY OF OUR PEOPLES -- REMAIN THE PRINCIPAL GOALS OF OUR TIME.

QUOTE; THE DRAMATIC EVENTS OF RECENT YEARS IN CHILE HAVE BEEN WATCHED BY AMERICANS WITH A DEEP INTEREST BORN OF DECADES OF CLOSE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP. THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT SEEKS TO REESTABLISH INSTITUTIONAL NORMALITY, GUIDED BY THE IDEALS OF DEMOCRACY, SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND THE RULE OF LAW, CAN ONLY GRATIFY CHILE'S MANY FRIENDS IN THIS COUNTRY.

QUOTE: WE RECOGNIZE THE DIFFICULT PERIOD THROUGH WHICH CHILE IS PASSING, A SITUATION AGGRAVATED BY WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC FORCES OVER WHICH IT HAS NO CONTROL. WE HOPE TO CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE IN CHILE'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND TO CONTRIBUTE THEREBY TO THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION WHICH YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS SET AS ITS GOAL. THE SERIOUSNESS AND COURAGE WITH WHICH CHILE HAS ADDRESSED ITS ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAM ARE MOST COMMENDABLE. WE FULLY AGREE THAT EXTRANEOUS CONSIDERATIONS SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO INFLUENCE THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL COMMUNITY'S RESPONSE TO CHILE'S LEGITIMATE REQUIREMENTS.

QUOTE: MR. AMBASSADOR, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR FRANK AND CORDIAL REMARKS. I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THE FRIENDSHIP OF OUR TWO PEOPLES CAN CONTINUE TO DEEPEN IN A SPIRIT OF GOODWILL AND UNDERSTANDING. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONVEY MY GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT PINOCHET WITH OUR SINCERE WISHES FOR THE PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY OF THE CHILEAN REPUBLIC. UNQUOTE.

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3. AMBASSADOR TRUCCO'S REMARKS ARE BEING POUCHED. KISSINGER

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